

Head Quarters Boston March 27th 1778

Sir.

your favor of yesterday
inclosing a complaint of Lt. Batherly
came to hand the last evening
and was new and surprising to me
as the least hint of it had not been
communicated by any of my Officers -
strict order and Discipline are constantly
inculcated and required in my orders
~~But~~^{and} always where it respects Officers -
whether Continental or of the Convention
that Delinquency which is due to the ^{Character of} Officer
and the Gentleman is strictly enjoined
The Time of night when the arrest
was taken up, and the Term of his
Parole, might ~~with~~ properly subject
him to confinement until the morning
this however ought to have been in
the Officers room and not with
Common Prisoners, But you are sensible

^{her}
in the officers of the Guard altho men
of the best Character, are not so fully
acquainted with the refinements of Military
discipline as were to be wished, ~~and therefore~~
~~it must be attributed~~ it must therefore be
considered as an Error in Judgment, and
from the best Intelligence it is an
Error which has been frequently com-
mitted ^{during the present war} especially at New York where
our Unfortunate Officers ^{are} often
sent to the Provost for the smallest
trifles ^{and some money they know not for what} and there remain for weeks -

It is a Proceeding however which I equally
detest both there and here and have
ordered Col^o Keith to release him
Batters by ⁱⁿ immediately, ~~and had I known~~
~~it sooner and to Enquire into the affair~~
which should have been ~~the moment I received~~
the next morning I am your Excellency
after his confinement
had it been reported to me most Ob^o Serv^t

W^m Heath

Lt Genl Burgoyne

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To Genl. Burgoyne
suspecting L. Bollenby
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